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RECIRCULATION VALVE*Marla L. Hudson*

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Examiner: Mahmoud Gimie

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) and accompanying Continuation Sheet. Applicants' attorneys respectfully request a telephonic interview with Examiner Mahmoud Gimie on January 15, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/036,832 First Named Applicant: Rod Fensom
 Examiner: Mahmoud Gimie Art Unit: 3747 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Marla L. Hudson (2) Gregory C. Mayer
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 01/15/2004 Proposed Time: 2:00 EST (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1-8; 10-19</u>	<u>Masaki U.S. 4,280,471</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See attached continuation sheet.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP §713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Marla L. Hudson

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

Application No. 10/036,832

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: Applicants' attorneys wish to present remarks regarding the impropriety of the rejections of the claims based on Masaki. Specifically, applicants' attorneys will point out that Masaki does not disclose or suggest a linear actuator as recited in independent claims 1 and 18, or an actuator rod directly driven by the apparatus adapted for linear movement along the second axis as recited in independent claim 14.